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4. The Educational Workers' Union was originally the Chiao Lien (2403/5114) or Federation of Teachers, with branches for college, middle school and junior school teachers. The new title was adopted in October 1951, when headmasters, deans and principals were expelled from the association as being "on the capitalist side". In the new Union each school has a small union, which carefully scrutinizes applications for Union membership. Such applications must include a short life history and a suitably abject piece of self-criticism. On the whole very few schoolmasters have declined to humiliate themselves in this way and so very few have been excluded from the Union.
5. Small unions meet twice weekly for political discussion. Their members are also supposed to devote two hours each day to political study, but as the members of the teaching profession are better educated than other trade unionists this homework sometimes takes the form of writing propaganda for the Communists. In the vacations, teachers are required to teach for nothing at mass education classes sponsored by the General Labor Union. In spite of the above measures to transform them, the teachers are still regarded by other trade unionists as "old-fashioned intellectuals" and constantly accused of reactionary tendencies. They are rarely found in positions of any influence.
6. The Shanghai branch of the national Women's League grew out of the Women's Section of the Communists' underground Municipal Committee, which functioned before the fall of the city. It was formed in the spring of 1950 at a meeting in the Grand Theatre. Now, a year later, it claims half a million members in Shanghai. The leading light of the branch is CHANG Yun-yu (4545/5686/3768), a 100% Marxist. She and all her closest collaborators are former members of the Communist underground movement in Shanghai.
7. The League has undergone a perceptible change in the past year. Under the influence of women like CHANG Yun-yu, it started by appealing chiefly to female organized workers, who predominated in the original membership. Later the emphasis shifted to activities among housewives and women remaining in the homes. Except in a few factories where female labor is extensively employed, the main effort of the Women's League today is directed at women in the home, through district branches, alleyway groups and other small groups. There is no difficulty in joining the Women's League. Almost any woman is accepted without question and put to voluntary work. The Women's League plays a leading role in collecting donations, sending comforts to the troops, and inducing merchants to confess their sins. Women Producers' Societies market home-made articles, and the large Consumers' Cooperative Stores are run mainly by women. Many training classes in sewing and knitting are organized by the League.

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